

Independence Assistance Services (IAS)

Independence Assistance Services means services an individual needs to maintain independence to live successfully in his or her own home

A minimum if 50% of the time must be direct face-to-face contact

- Indirect time may be included to adequately monitor consumer's skills

IAS includes activities to monitor the continued acquisition of skills and to provide assurance that the identified programmatic structure developed with the individual for the basic protection of health and safety is being maintained

Unit of Service

¼ hour (15 minutes)

Limits

An individual may receive a maximum of 30 hours of IAS per month

For those individuals receiving Independence Assistance Services (IAS) through services on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver, up to 3 hours of Case Management services is allowed

Allowable Activities

IAS is a service available on the ICLB, Autism and DD Waivers. Activities to provide monitoring and supervision include, but are not limited to, assurance of the following:

- Appropriate handling of own finances, bank accounts, bill payment, etc.
- Proper administration of own medication, attention to regular health care needs, seeking appropriate medical attention, etc.
- Sustaining prescribed dietary plans and grocery needs
- Maintenance of household care and responsibility
- Acceptable personal care and grooming
- Demonstration of appropriate self-direction and decision making skills

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Activities Not Allowed	<p>Reimbursement for IAS is not available in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAS may not be combined with Residential Habilitation and Support Services • Respite services are not allowed when an individual is receiving IAS
Service Standards	<p>Independence Assistance Services should be reflected in the Individualized Support Plan of the individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services must address needs identified in the person centered planning process and be outlined in the Individualized Support Plan • Individuals in a crisis may have Residential Habilitation and Support Services added to the plan for up to 30 days; however, if it is expected that the need for additional supervision will exceed 30 days, the plan should be amended to replace IAS with RHS. A crisis situation is defined as a significant/serious change in health or behavior
Provider Qualifications	<p>To be approved to provide Independence Assistance Services, an applicant shall be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved by BDDS to provide Residential Habilitation and Support Services under 460 IAC 6; OR • a licensed home health agency; and • Certify that, if approved, the entity will provide Independence Assistance Services using only persons who meet the qualifications set out in 460 IAC 6-14-5
Documentation Standards	<p>Independence Assistance Services documentation must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services outlined in Individualized Support Plan • BDDS approved provider • Data record of staff to individual service documenting the complete date and time entry (including a.m. or p.m.) and the number of units of service delivered that day

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- Each staff member who spends more than 30 consecutive minutes that day in direct supervision or care of the individual, makes at least one entry for each unique encounter. If a staff member provides 8 hours of continuous services, one entry needs to be made
- Each staff member who provides uninterrupted, continuous service in direct supervision or care of the individual must make one entry. If a staff member provides interrupted service (i.e. one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening), an entry for each unique encounter must be made. All entries should describe an issue or circumstance concerning the individual. The entry should include complete time and date of entry and at least the last name and first initial of the staff person making the entry
- If the person providing the service is required to be a professional, the title of the individual must also be included. For example, if a nurse is required, the nurse's title should be documented
- Any significant issues involving the individual requiring intervention by a Health Care Professional, Case Manager or BDDS staff member that involved the individual are also to be documented
- Documentation that supports compliance with staffing ratios per the individual's service planner
- Documentation in compliance with 460 IAC 6

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